



**Resolution # G-00-07**

**Adopted by  
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION  
May 11, 2000**

**Third Round of Conservation Lands Program**

- 1.1 WHEREAS the California Transportation Commission in Resolution #G-98-20 established the Conservation Lands program, as part of the federal Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) program, funded with federal enhancements funds from TEA-21, and programmed according to guidelines under the state Environmental Enhancement & Mitigation Program Part B adopted in December 1998, and
- 1.2 WHEREAS the Commission in December 1999 made available at least \$12 million (\$7.2 million in the South and \$4.8 million in the North) and as much as \$24 million (\$14.4 million in the South and \$9.6 million in the North) for a third round of programming for Conservation Lands, and
- 1.3 WHEREAS the Commission for the third round of the Conservation Lands Program specified one additional criterion beyond those in existing guidelines, to favor programming of projects deliverable by September 2000 to help insure delivery of enough projects programwide to use \$33 million of federal enhancement funds from ISTEA which expire as of September 30, 2000, and
- 1.4 WHEREAS the Resources Agency and Caltrans requested nomination of projects for the third round by March 31, 2000, for programming by the Commission by May 2000, and
- 1.5 WHEREAS the Resources Agency received nomination of 19 projects for \$49.6 million, and presented those to the Commission for public review and comment at its March 30, 2000 meeting, and
- 1.6 WHEREAS the Resources Agency subsequently recommended 11 projects in priority order for programming, South and North as required by the program guidelines, and also indicated which of those projects it expected would be ready for allocation of funds by the August 2000 Commission meeting, in a letter dated April 19;

2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission adopts a provisional third round of the Conservation Lands program, with funding available during the next four months as a first priority to projects expected to be delivered within that time frame, and final programming to be set in September 2000 for projects not previously delivered, with funding for up to 11 of the highest priority projects, depending on timely delivery and total amount of funding, and

2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission programs and guarantees funding to be available for the following projects until August 24, 2000, based on delivery by that date:

<u>SOUTH</u>		<u>NORTH</u>	
Coal Canyon	\$3,000,000	Purisima Farms	\$2,000,000
East-West Ranch	\$1,000,000	Caspar Headlands	\$1,500,000
Santa Ysabel East Ranch	\$3,000,000	Andrew Creek/Table Mtn.	\$244,000
Cambria Coast Ranch	\$2,500,000	Noyo Bay South Bluff	\$1,500,000

2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission intends to make remaining funding available starting after August 25, 2000, for projects in the following priority order, unless previously delivered, until all available funds have been used:

<u>SOUTH</u>		<u>NORTH</u>	
Baldwin Hills	\$6,800,000	Purisima Farms	\$2,000,000
Coal Canyon	\$3,000,000	Caspar Headlands	\$1,500,000
East-West Ranch	\$1,000,000	Andrew Creek/Table Mtn.	\$244,000
Santa Ysabel East Ranch	\$3,000,000	Noyo Bay South Bluff	\$1,500,000
Cambria Coast Ranch	<u>\$600,000</u>	Centrage Property	\$2,000,000
		Proctor, Broadwell & Cobb	<u>\$2,356,000</u>
TOTAL	\$14,400,000		\$9,600,000

2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission makes available at least \$15 million overall (\$9.0 million South and \$6.0 million North) and potentially up to \$24 million, with the exact amount to be determined in September 2000 based on savings remaining after closeout of the original federal Transportation Enhancement Activities program from ISTEA, to be used in priority order for the projects in paragraph 2.3 above, and

2.5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission requires project sponsors for the four projects recommended by the Resources Agency for funding at a lower level than proposed in the project application to submit a new financial plan showing commitments for full project funding, by September 15, 2000, and intends to remove projects from the program without prejudice for failure to do so, and

2.6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission intends to ratify the final program commitment by amendment to this resolution at its September 2000 meeting, with the list of projects adjusted to fit available funding as necessary, and the remaining projects programmed and scheduled for delivery at that time.